

**Amendments to the Specification:**

In the Specification, please amend page 7, paragraph 0030, to read as follows:

Figures 1 and 2 show a partially manufactured threaded deformed reinforcing bar **10** of the present invention. The threaded deformed reinforcing bar **10** has two opposed series of inclined transverse ribs **12** aligned and positioned along a longitudinal axis **14** of the threaded deformed reinforcing bar **10** to form an interrupted thread pattern. Each individual rib within each series of inclined transverse ribs **12** is spaced longitudinally along the bar from adjacent said ribs by a trough **13**. Each series of inclined transverse ribs **12** is separated from adjacent series by a longitudinally extending gap **17**, in which is disposed a longitudinally extending rib **18**. The inclined transverse ribs **12** are arranged substantially in parallel.